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June 20, 2011

To: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich  
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From: William T Fujioka  
Chief Executive Officer

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## RESPONSE TO BOARD MOTION TO DEFER CONSOLIDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND TO IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE CURTAILMENT PROPOSALS

On April 19, 2011, on a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer to:

- 1) Defer the consolidation of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) into the Department of Community and Senior Services; and
- 2) Report back to the Board in June 2011, with the identification of \$346,000 in other offsetting curtailments (in addition to the \$164,000 in curtailments already included in the budget), as an alternative to the consolidation proposal.

Our Office met with DCA to review the Department's recommendations to offset curtailments as an alternative to consolidation. DCA proposes three program enhancements to be financed using qualifying one-time Cy Pres funding and the shift of five existing budgeted positions. The enhancements include:

- Real Estate Fraud counseling;
- Consumer Protection from fraudulent debt collectors; and
- Foster Youth Identity Theft.

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Based on our review, the Department's proposal to use one-time Cy Pres funding as an alternative to consolidation is feasible. As a result, this Office is rescinding the recommended consolidation and will submit this change to your Board for approval as part of the fiscal year 2011-12 Final Changes budget package.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Ellen Sandt, Deputy Chief Executive Officer at (213) 974-1186 or via email at [esandt@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:esandt@ceo.lacounty.gov).

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